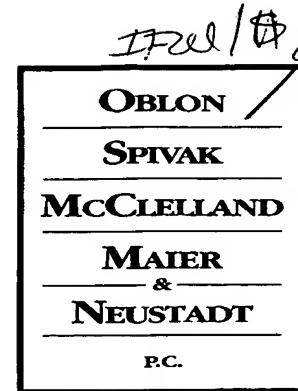




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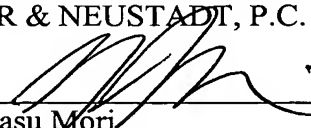
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Our credit card payment form in the amount of \$120.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

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In response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the outstanding Official Action dated March 25, 2005, applicants provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-15, 17-32, 35-49 and 54-65, drawn to a printed circuit board, classified in class 361, subclass 763. Furthermore, in response to the Election of Species Requirement stated in the same Official Action, Applicants provisionally elects Specie I, as shown in Figures 10-11, and 13, and identify Claims 1-15 and 16 as readable on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction requirement for the following reason.

MPEP § 803 states:

... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct of independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be a part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding Restriction requirement on the

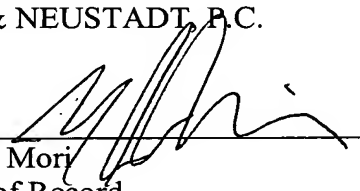
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grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group be withdrawn, and that full examination on the merits be conducted.

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